Ban on contesting elections

† 4126. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discussions have been held to reach a consensus among all the parties for making the individual having more than two children ineligible to contest the election as suggested by the Election Commission; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir. The Election Commission of India has informed that it has not made any proposal for disqualifying persons with more than two children from contesting elections to Parliament and State Legislatures.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation of funds for judiciary

4127. SHRI EM. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted sufficient funds for the judiciary in view of its role in peace and development of the people through dispute resolution and building confidence on the Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the ratio of funds allocated with respect to the GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) It is the primary responsibility of State Governments to provide funds for High Courts and Subordinate Courts for the administration of justice. However in order to augment the resources of State Governments and Union Territories, Central Government has been providing funds for development of infrastructure facilities for the judiciary through various plan schemes. During the Ninth Plan period (1997-2002), an amount of Rs. 385 crore was provided. The Tenth Plan outlay (2002-2007) is Rs. 700 crore.

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